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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- Claims 1-7 and 15-20 drawn to a customer operated ticket dispenser; and
- 2. Claims 21-23 drawn to an automated dispenser.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Invention 1, claims 1-7 and 15-20 for further prosecution on the merits without traverse.

Examination of the elected invention is respectfully solicited.

Entry of this election, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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